

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned patent application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) In combination, a ~~A carrier for retaining an oxygen bottle,~~ said carrier comprising a flexible open-top container adapted for maintaining ~~that maintains~~ a close fitting relationship with an oxygen bottle placed therein, said oxygen bottle comprising a substantially cylindrical housing including at least one regulator and gauge extending from an upper portion of said housing, said container including:

a sleeve portion that retains said oxygen bottle;

a peripheral mouth portion;

including an internal rigid plastic peripheral section directly adjacent said peripheral mouth portion that maintains a predetermined shape and size in an open configuration and provides stiffness to said mouth portion and wherein said mouth portion is sized to permit ingress of the substantially cylindrical housing of an said oxygen bottle, thereby enabling an said oxygen bottle to be loaded therein into the container vertically by one person loading said bottle, said at least one regulator and gauge extending outwardly therefrom and wherein said peripheral mouth portion is made from a flexible material and includes closure means a flexible upper bottle retaining portion adapted for preventing a said retained oxygen bottle from falling out of said container carrier;

a pair of upper strap ends extending from respective sides of the peripheral mouth portion of said container, said pair of upper strap ends including a snap-fitting buckle portion at one strap end of each of said pair, wherein the other strap end of said upper strap pair is adapted to be looped around a portion of an upper support portion of an orthopedic appliance and is attached to the other of said upper strap end pair via an adjustable and releasable buckle connection; and

a pair of lower straps, each of said lower straps including an attached elongated hook or loop pad, and a strap end extending from opposite sides of the lower portion of said flexible open-top container, each of said strap ends including a hook or loop fastener wherein each of said lower straps is adapted to be selectively looped around a lower support portion of an orthopedic appliance and fastened upon itself using said strap end and said hook or loop pad attached to said lower strap, said pairs of upper strap ends and said pair of lower straps enabling said flexible open-top container to be selectively adjustable both laterally and vertically when attached to an orthopedic appliance.

2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).
5. (Canceled).
6. (Canceled).
7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrier~~ The combination as recited in Claim 1, including means for retaining personal items of a person using said container ~~carrier~~.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrier~~ The combination as recited in Claim 8, wherein said personal item retaining means includes at least one basket attached to said container.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A carrier~~ The combination as recited in Claim 9, wherein at least one said basket is releasably attached.

11. (Canceled).
12. (Canceled).
13. (Canceled).
14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A-carrier~~ The combination as recited in Claim 1, wherein said ~~upper bottle retaining portion~~ closure means includes a drawstring to selectively reduce the diameter of said peripheral mouth portion.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A-carrier~~ The combination as recited in Claim 1 14, wherein said ~~carrier~~ container can be selectively ~~attachable~~ attached to at least one orthopedic appliance, including at least one of a wheelchair and a walker.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A-carrier~~ The combination as recited in Claim 1 14, wherein said ~~carrier~~ container is attachable to a wheelchair.